

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8-10, 12, 14-28, and 34-45 are pending in this application. The Amendment filed on June 29, 2001, requested the priority information to be added to the beginning of the specification. The Specification has been amended to clarify the claim to priority. No claims have been amended. No new matter is added. Claims 1, 36 and 45 are the independent claims.

**CONCLUSION**

Entry and consideration of the above Amendments is earnestly requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John A. Castellano at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,  
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